

Hiawatha teachers accept contract offer

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha Teachers Association voted Thursday to accept the latest contract offer for the current school year.

It calls for a 7.21 percent increase in the base salary from \$37,310 to \$40,000 plus movement on the salary schedule. Incorporated in the salary schedule are \$510 "steps" for years of service and \$800 "steps" for level of education.

The agreement will now go the Hiawatha School Board for ratification at their November 11 meeting.

Once approved, the agreement is retroactive to August 1.

A mediator met with both sides October 7 after an impasse was declared in contract negotiations, and the teacher's negotiating team decided to take the same offer made in August back for another vote.

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